

has established a purchasing policy approved by the department that, in fact, encourages and affectuates some recycling. So the amendment provides that any municipality or a county may apply for the rebate which can be 10 cents of the disposal fee, 10 cents of the \$1.25 if the municipality or a county has a written purchasing policy in effect that requires a preference for purchasing products, materials and supplies which are manufactured or produced from recyclable material. The amendment then goes on to outline a procedure on how the state is going to look at and review and what evidence the local municipality has to give with regard to the nature of the program that is established, and it also requires the filing of periodic reports indicating so that DEQ can assure that they are complying with rules and regulations and so that the Legislature can see what, in fact, is getting done, is being done by the municipalities and counties in terms of recycling and can make some sort of assessment as to whether the rebate is effective in terms of encouraging recycling and the purchasing of recycled materials. I think that basically is the sum and substance. The concept is very simple. The amendment is a little long simply because we've set up procedures whereby this process is going to take place. With that, Mr. Speaker, I think I would turn over to Senator Bohlke any remaining time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You have a little less than seven minutes, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President, members, that should be very sufficient. I thank you, Senator Beutler, that was a good summary. This last summer the suggestion was given to me by the environmental officer for the City of Hastings as a suggestion that he thought to make the circle complete many times in what we're trying to do in recycling efforts, that it's also important to give encouragement to those municipalities to use those recycled materials. It's a start and I hope it will serve as an encouragement to some of those communities to make those kinds of purchases. So with that I ask for support of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Your light is on. Senator Bohlke waives off. Any discussion on the Beutler/Bohlke amendment? Seeing none, closing? Closing is waived. The question now then is the adoption of the Beutler/Bohlke amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The body is voting if members would care to record their